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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Applicant: Bell)	Art Unit: 3621
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Serial No.: 09/448,253)	Examiner: Sherr
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Filed: November 24, 1999)	AM9-99-0122
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AUTHORIZED)	May 2, 2003
COMPRESSION OF DIGITIZED MUSIC)	750 B STREET, Suite 3120
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2003, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (amended) A computer-based system for inhibiting unauthorized recording of digitized music, comprising:

a cryptography module including logic executable by a provider computer, the logic including, for at least a segment of the music, obtaining an authorized digital signature, and then associating the authorized digital signature with the music, the authorized digital signature being

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